" I hope," ſaid he, " I ſhall be excuſed here when I declare, that I cannot immediately recollect any ſtory but one, which I remember to have read; but as it was in a written hand, and I am pretty ſure has never been printed, it will be new to the company."

Being aſſured every body would be glad to hear it, he thus proceeded:

IN the great city of Iſpahan, in Perſia, there lived a merchant that had a ſon, to whom he gave ſuch edu-

cation as young people generally ceive in that country; and as was a good and obedient ſon, was very acute, the labour and pence did not appear to be ill ſtowed.

But Sadi (that was his name) very impatient in his temper, very frequently ſhewed marks of eaſineſs where there ſeemed to no occaſion. After his father's de this temper grew upon him.

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